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- ☒ 2. EP 0951054A1 corresponds to U.S. Patent Application No. 08/980,315.
- ☒ 3. The Examiner's attention is directed to the IPER (copy enclosed) in PCT/JP98/05705, which is the parent of the present Continuation application.

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